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Remarks/Arguments

Amendment to the Specification

The specification drops any reference to idle periods (originally shown in Figure 2 not Figure 1). The idle periods have been removed from Figure 2 in order to promote consistency in

representations used across related applications.

Amendments to the Drawings

Discussed with the listing of the changes to the drawings.

Assignee looks forward to receiving notice of Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and

a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims.

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